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OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT Dungeness Watershed Roads Management Project Olympic National Forest, District Ranger Yewah Lau, Hood Canal Ranger District The Responsible Official, District Ranger Yewah Lau, Hood Canal Ranger District, Olympic National Forest has prepared a draft Decision Notice and Finding of No Significant Impact (DN/FONSI) for the Dungeness Watershed Roads Management Project Environmental Assessment (EA). The project area is located on the Hood Canal Ranger District of the Olympic National Forest just south of Sequim, WA, Clallam County, in the following watersheds: Headwaters Dungeness River, Upper Dungeness River, Middle Dungeness River, Lower Gray Wolf River, Jimmycomelately and McDonald Creek. Anyone wishing to review the project file or obtain a hard copy of the EA and draft DN/FONSI should contact the project lead listed below. The EA, draft DN/FONSI and supporting documents can be viewed at the Olympic National Forest website: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=49643> After careful review and consideration of the public comments and analysis disclosed in the EA, the draft DN/FONSI indicates the intention to implement Alternative A with modifications. The draft decision includes the following actions: treat and put into storage (Maintenance Level 1, ML1) approximately 20.7 miles of open (Maintenance Level 2, high clearance) forest roads; decommission 1.4 miles of ML3 (passenger vehicles) roads; decommission approximately 10.4 miles of open (ML2, high clearance) forest roads, leaving a path for foot access where feasible; convert 1.4 miles of existing ML3 road to trail; retain year-round access on the 2870270 road; and relocate and improve two trailheads and associated parking areas. The draft DN/FONSI is based on a review of the EA and the project record, which shows a thorough evaluation of relevant scientific information, a consideration of responsible opposing views, and acknowledgement of incomplete or unavailable information, scientific uncertainty, and risk. This proposed decision is subject to objection pursuant to 36 CFR 218, Subparts A and B. Objections will only be accepted from individuals or organizations that submitted project-specific written comments during a designated opportunity for public participation (scoping or 30-day public comment period). Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted comments unless based on new information arising after the designated comment period. Objections must be submitted within 45 days following the publication of this legal notice in The Peninsula Daily News Port Angeles, Washington. The date of this legal notice is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to object should not rely upon dates or timeframes provided by any other source. It is the objector's responsibility to ensure evidence of timely receipt (36 CFR 218.9). Objections must be submitted to the reviewing officer: Forest Supervisor, Reta Laford, 1835 Black Lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512. Please put OBJECTION and the project name in the subject line. Objections may be submitted via regular, email, FAX (360-956-2330), express mail, messenger service, or hand-delivery during business hours (M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm). Electronic objections are preferred and can be submitted via the project website listed above. On the project website within the "Get Connected" group to the right click on "Comment/Object on Project" and follow on-screen instructions for submitting objections. In cases where no identifiable name is attached to an objection, a verification of identity will be required for objection eligibility. If using an electronic message, a scanned signature is one way to provide verification. Objections must include (36 CFR 218.8(d)): 1) name, address and telephone; 2) signature or other verification of authorship; 3) identify a single lead objector when applicable; 4) project name, Responsible Official name and title, and name of affected National Forest and/or Ranger District; 5) reasons for, and suggested remedies to resolve the objections; and, 6) description of the connection between the objections and prior comments. Incorporate documents by reference only as provided for at 36 CFR 218.8(b). For additional information, contact Dana Butler, Project Lead, Supervisors Office, 1835 Black lake Blvd. SW, Olympia, WA 98512, 360-956-2280 or [danabutler@fs.fed.us](mailto:danabutler@fs.fed.us). Pub: May 24, 2019 Legal No: 857925

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